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OLD CATHEDRAL IS DESTROYED

EDIFICE SET AFLAME BY SHELLS FROM CANNON — FRANCE WILL PROTEST.

THE TWO GREAT ARMIES

Fight For Nearly a Month, Dig Into Trenchments on River and Mountain Range

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

London.—Reports differ as to the progress of the great battle in North France between the allied British and French armies and the Germans. Some indicate that there is extremely heavy fighting, while others tell of the great masses of troops lying in flooded trenches, many of them at the stage of exhaustion.

At some points at least fierce engagements have been fought with the tide flowing in one direction and then in the other. The allies have won a position here and the Germans have gained one there. But all reports, official and otherwise, agree that there is much fighting yet to be done before any material advantage can be claimed by either side.

The British in the trenches say: "We are slowly beating them back." The French official statement declares that, though furiously counter-attacked by superior forces and obliged to yield some ground, this was regained almost immediately.

Berlin officially announces that the Franco-British forces have been obliged to take the defensive in entrenched positions, and that there fore the result of German attacks are slow.

Interesting information has been given out by the British admiralty regarding British success and misfortunes in various waters. The British merchant cruiser Carmania has sunk a German merchant cruiser, supposed to be either the Cap Trafalgar or the Berlin, off the coast of South America, but the German cruiser Koenigsberg has completely disabled the British cruiser Pegasus while the latter was overhauling her machinery in Zanzibar harbor, killing 25 men and wounding more than three times that number and the German cruiser Emden has sunk six British merchant steamers in the Bay of Bengal.

In the fighting around Rheims the matter of greatest general interest has been the destruction of the famous cathedral, one of the most beautiful structures in the world, dating back to the thirteenth century, which is reported to have been pierced by many German shells and then to have burst into flames.

TAXED TO THE LIMIT

Coal Industry in Eastern Kentucky Was Never Better.

Whitesburg, Ky.—That the coal in dusty in Eastern Kentucky was never better is thoroughly evidenced by the great tonnage that is now being shipped out from the different plants in this section. Shipments from the Boone's Fork and Elk Horn Creek sections, the Jenkins-McRoberts-Burdine Fleming-Haymond fields—are especially active, the different operating companies doing everything possible in order to supply the demand. Both the Lexington and Eastern and the Baltimore & Ohio are really taxed to the limit to handle the big output, which has increased wonderfully during the past month. It is said the only line of work is the coal business that has been benefited by the European war.

800 TEACHERS ARE EXPECTED

Committee of Ninth District Association Arrange Program.

Lexington, Ky.—The officers of the Ninth District Teachers' association held a meeting here to discuss arrangements for the program of the annual meeting of the association to be held at Mt. Sterling November 19 to 21, inclusive. The officers are Miss Jessie O. Yancey, Mayville, president; W. O. Hopper, Mt. Sterling, vice president and R. L. Cord, Cynthiana, secretary. There are nineteen counties in the district, and more than 800 delegates are expected to attend the convention.

KENTUCKY BREVITIES

Glasgow, Ky.—Charles Downing, of Fountain Run, Monroe county, a wealthy farmer and stock trader, was instantly killed three miles from Scottsville by being thrown from his buggy.

Lexington, Ky.—Mrs. Kate Marshall Sandford, aged 74, widow of John L. Sandford, former prominent and wealthy banker of Covington, Ky., died at High Oaks sanatorium here following a brief illness.

Carlisle, Ky.—Joseph W. Dalzell, Jr., aged 75, former chairman of Nicholas county Democratic committee, a retired farmer of this city, attempted suicide by shooting himself in the abdomen with a shotgun.

AUSTRIAN TROOPS MASSING FOR BIG RUSSIAN BATTLE

Three Armies of Franz's Joseph Concentrating for Decisive Fight With Czar's Forces.

GERMANS SURE OF SUCCESS

General Staff Confident of Outcome of Great Engagement Raging on French Soil—Kaiser's Men Invading Russian Poland.

Petrograd, Sept. 21.—The general staff today announced the receipt of a dispatch from the front stating that several corps of German troops have joined the Austrian army that was routed at Tomaszow and driven over the Vistula river. With the support of the Germans, the Austrians have rallied and are building strong intrenchments along the Lonsk and Wistoka rivers, tributaries of the Vistula, which the Russians will have to ford in their advance westward.

By STEPHEN BURNETT.

Austrians Massing for Battle. Vienna, via Berlin and Amsterdam, Sept. 21.—Three Austrian armies are concentrating on the Cracow-Tarnow-Przemysl line for a decisive battle with the Russian armies of General Runsky and General Broussiloff, according to an official announcement issued here.

This line is 130 miles long, apparently following the railroad connecting the three cities. Tarnow is 50 miles east of Cracow, and Przemysl is 80 miles from Tarnow. This dispatch indicates that the official announcements made in Petrograd of overwhelming Russian victories were greatly exaggerated by the czar's general staff.

Austrian Position Fortified. The official statement says: "The position occupied by the Austrian armies has been heavily fortified. General Boveridge will command the right wing, with his center resting on Przemysl. The main center will be commanded by General von Auffenberg, with Tarnow as his base, and the left wing will be commanded by General Bankl, with the Germans supporting his extreme left. His base will be Cracow."

"The entire Russian left wing, commanded by Generals Bussy and Broussiloff, is expected momentarily to begin an attack. The initial assault is expected again Przemysl."

(The admission that an attack on Przemysl is expected confirms Russian claims that they have reached the River San, but the statement that Generals von Auffenberg and Dank's armies will form part of the Austrian front is a denial of Petrograd assertions that the Austrian right and left wings have been crushed.)

General Hofer declared that the operations of the Austrian armies in Galicia had not yet brought the main forces into contact with the Russians, but that only small forces had opposed the Russian advance to secure time for the strengthening of the front where the decisive battle is expected.

Numerous wounded soldiers are being brought here from Galicia. Among them is Fritz Griesler, the famous violinist. He was wounded in an engagement near Lemberg.

German Confidence of Success. Berlin, via Amsterdam, Sept. 21.—Confidence as to the outcome of the great battle raging in France was expressed by a German general staff.

The German armies in France are steadily growing stronger, it was stated. The advance on Paris was too rapid to admit of provisions and ammunition to the troops. This has now been remedied by an adjustment of the lines of communication.

"The efficiency of the new arrangements has been demonstrated at the center of the German front, where a steady advance is being made."

The French are showing signs of weakness. Apparently they have been unable to fill their depleted ranks, whereas our forces are being steadily augmented by fresh troops in the battle between the Oise and Meuse rivers. Germans invading Russian Poland.

Following up his success against the Russian armies in East Prussia, General von Hindenburg is invading Russian Poland from Lyck. The following statement on his operations was issued today:

"The German eastern army continues its operations in the district about Suwalki, Russian Poland. The army is now advancing on the fortress at Osowiec, 45 kilometers (28 miles) southeast of Lyck on the railroad between Lyck and Brestok."

Osowiec is one of the strongest fortresses in Russian Poland. It is a strategic point, because the River Biebrza or Bebr cannot be crossed at any other point by an army owing to the great swamps lying along its course. The capture of Osowiec will have to be attained before General von Hindenburg can advance.

Approve Gold Fund Plan.

Washington, Sept. 21.—The federal reserve board approved of the plan for a \$100,000,000 gold fund to meet the obligations of this country in Europe.

FRENCH INFANTRY GUARDING ROAD TO PARIS



Squad of French Infantrymen behind a barricade of tree trunks defending one of the roads to Paris.

GOOD ROADS MEETING

Impetus Given Good Roads Building at Meeting of County Judges.

Louisville, Ky.—Impetus was given to good road building in Kentucky at a meeting of the Association of County Judges at the court house, attended by 20 officials from various sections of the state. With the assistance of R. C. Terrell, state highway commissioner, the judges were thoroughly enlightened on the law recently passed by the general assembly relative to state and in building good roads.

Commissioner Terrell said it was imperative that the efforts of his department receive the earnest support of the county judges if results were to be obtained, and that with good roads abounding in the various counties the judges responsible would leave a monument to their memory that would live for all time. He said incompetency displayed by many men heretofore in charge of road building, as shown in examinations of applicants for positions as road engineers, was astonishing. In many instances, he said, these men had been in charge of the work in their respective counties for years because of a political pull or because of friendship of the appointing power, and counties had paid out thousands of dollars without receiving any good results.

Under the new road law Kentucky will raise next year approximately \$600,000. Commissioner Terrell said, and of this amount Jefferson county will contribute \$120,000. Of the amount thus to be contributed by Jefferson county, he said, the county will get back into its road fund \$12,000, while the remainder, \$108,000 will be contributed to other counties. Forty of the counties, he said, will contribute only from \$2,000 to \$5,000 for state aid, and as a result they will have to draw from the fund contributed by other counties.

45 PERSONS ARE DROWNED; TRAIN PLUNGES IN GULLY

Twenty-Six Bodies Recovered From Submerged Cars on Frisco Road Near Lebanon, Mo.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 16.—Twenty-six bodies were taken from the wrecked Frisco train at Lebanon on Tuesday. The bodies were taken to Lebanon undertaking establishments. Many of them were but scantily clad and identification is proving difficult.

Between thirty-five and forty-five persons are believed to have lost their lives when the Texas Limited, southbound on the Frisco road, plunged into a 15-foot ditch filled with water, near Lebanon, Mo., the tracks having been undermined by a torrential rain of nearly twenty-six hours' duration. At noon 26 bodies were reported to have been taken from the coaches, which were lying submerged in the water.

The train left St. Louis at night and at the time of the wreck was behind time. Four cars and the locomotive were overturned in the gully at the side of the track and it is feared that every person in the chair car and the smoker was drowned. The bodies of the dead have been taken to Lebanon, where they await identification.

Among the known dead are: Henry Waggoner, St. Louis; Mrs. Elizabeth Rostetter, Alliance, Ohio; W. W. Childers, Billings, Mo.; John Meyers, wife and daughter, Thayer, Mo.

WILL GO AFTER THE BANKERS.

Washington.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo has sent out 2,000 inquiries to different parts of the United States to determine how bankers are conducting business under the stress of the unusual conditions created by the war in Europe. His purpose is to ascertain to what extent bankers are unduly hoarding and increasing their reserves and contracting loans without reason. In a lesser degree the secretary has already found the conditions of 1907 existing.

CENTENNIAL WEEK AT COVINGTON

THOUSANDS WITNESS MAGNIFICENT CHILDREN'S PARADE, WHICH WAS FEATURE.

A SUCCESSFUL CELEBRATION

Adjoining Cities Contribute Loyalty to the Carnival Success of Sister City.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Covington, Ky.—The most notable week in the history of Covington closed in a quiet manner in comparison with the excitement of some of the other nights during the celebration of the Centennial. The crowds were as large, but the police had placed a ban on the indiscriminate use of confetti and other things which had begun to be instruments of torture to thousands of sightseers.

During the week there were parades each night witnessed by dense crowds of spectators. On Saturday the crowning event was the children's pageant, these little tots impersonating many characters of the early life of Kentucky's history, and were wildly applauded.

The Centennial has been a success beyond the fondest hopes of its sponsors. Downtown merchants have enjoyed their share of the Centennial prosperity. Being wideawake to their opportunity, they used every effort to attract the stranger within their doors. The result was satisfactory in a big sense.

Cincinnati, Newport and other communities in the neighborhood of Covington contributed loyalty to the carnival success of their sister city, and thousands of visitors were impressed with the energy and up-to-dateness of the most northern of Kentucky cities.

DR. GEORGE BARTHELME



Dr. George Barthelme is the only Washington correspondent who represents exclusively a continental newspaper. He is the correspondent of the Cologne Gazette, the semi-official newspaper of Germany and one of the oldest publications in Europe. Doctor Barthelme has been able to send little or nothing to his paper since the cables were cut, but is "on the job" nevertheless.

THREE STORY BUILDING

Collapses at Richmond—Masonic Temple Wrecked.

Richmond, Ky.—The large building here known as the Masonic Temple collapsed. The building was a three story one. The lower floors were occupied by the R. C. H. Covington Co. clothing and men's furnishings, while the second story was used as a club for the fraternity and a dance hall while the lodge rooms were located on the third floor. It is not known what caused the collapse of the building, as it was remodeled and modernized about five years ago. It was located on Main street on the most frequented corner of the city, and it seems almost a miracle that none of the employees were hurt, as the building is now a wreck.

ILLITERACY IN MERCER

People Attending Night Schools Which Are Becoming Very Popular.

Harrodsburg, Ky.—It is only a few weeks since the question of moonlight schools in Mercer first began to be agitated. The county superintendent, Miss Ora Adams, who was among the first to organize corn clubs, canning clubs and school fairs, took up the proposal to establish moonlight schools in a systematic manner, and as a result there are now ten of these night schools hard at work and they are attended by both men and women who were unable to read. Many of the latter can now read and many are rapidly learning to write. The schools are located in the country precincts and are becoming very popular. In another fortnight there will be a dozen more in operation.

2,500,000 ENGAGE IN FIGHT

Battle Line in France Extends 110 Miles—Germans Evacuate Liege.

Paris, Sept. 17.—The rear guard engagement upon which the German retreating right wing entered on Monday, September 14, has developed into what promises to be the decisive battle of the campaign in France.

Fighting proceeded with renewed fury all along the 110-mile battle front, in which nearly all the 2,000,000 men of the rival armies, together with about five hundred thousand reinforcements to the allies, are engaged.

It was officially reported from Berlin, according to dispatches from Amsterdam, that the Germans have evacuated Liege.

SAYS TURKEY WILL NOT FIGHT

Consul General Tarlat Bey Denies Stories of Uprisings Against Foreigners.

New York, Sept. 19.—Tarlat Bey, Turkish consul general, gave out a statement denying reports that Turkey would enter the war. "I can say with the utmost sincerity that I do not believe a war with Turkey is at all probable, and that reports which have been printed concerning Turkish uprisings against foreigners are sensational and unfounded," he said.

GERMAN LOSSES ARE HEAVY

Official Press Bureau in London Says Allies Have Taken Many Prisoners.

London, Sept. 17.—The official press bureau gave out a statement which says: "The general position along the Aisne river continues very favorable. The enemy has delivered several counter attacks, especially against the First army corps. These have been repulsed and the Germans have given way slightly before our troops and the French armies on our right and left. The enemy's loss is very heavy and we have taken 200 prisoners."

GERMANS SLOWLY MAKING PROGRESS IN GREAT BATTLE

Berlin Says Kaiser's Army Is Surely Advancing.

ALLIES REPULSE AN ATTACK

French War Office Claims Advance for Anglo-French Troops Against Right Wing of Teutonic Forces—Dead Fill River Marne.

Berlin, Sept. 19. (By Wireless via Sayville, L. I.).—Official announcement was made at headquarters that the German army is advancing slowly but surely in the battle which is still raging in France. The statement follows: The battle between the Oise and the Meuse still continues. There are sure indications that the enemy's forces are falling.

The French attempt to cut through the German right wing was broken down without notable exertion on the German side. The German army is advancing slowly but surely.

A sortie from Verdun on the right bank of the Meuse was most easily repulsed. The general staff states that all the German airships are coming up to expectations in long and dangerous flights. Some were damaged, but all of them were repaired. None was destroyed or captured by the enemy.

French Claim Victory on Right

Paris, Sept. 19.—An official statement issued by the French war office says:

There is no change in the situation, except that we have continued our progress on the right wing and that there is a general lull in the battle.

Throughout the day the battle continued along the whole front from the Oise to the Woivre without important change in the situation at any point.

On Our Left Wing.—On the heights north of the Aisne we have made slight progress against certain points. Three offensive attacks undertaken by the Germans against the British army have failed. Between Craonne and Rheims we ourselves have repulsed some extremely violent counterattacks made in the night. The enemy tried in vain to take the offensive against Rheims.

At the Center.—From Rheims to the Argonne the enemy has strengthened himself by building important fortifications, and has adopted a purely defensive attitude. East of the Argonne, in the Woivre district, the situation is unchanged.

On Our Right Wing.—In Lorraine and the Vosges the enemy occupies positions organized for defensive action near the frontier.

River Clogged With Bodies.

Parisians were warned that because of the bloody battles on the banks of the Marne, which is the largest tributary of the Seine, the water of the river must not be used for drinking purposes without being boiled. Corpses heaped up on the banks of the river.

There was much rejoicing when the war office made public the official reports dealing with the French victory at Nancy, where the Germans, after a battle lasting eight days, finally abandoned their attempt to force the French position.

BRITAIN APOLOGIZES TO U. S.

British Ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, Makes Amends for Criticism of President by Carden.

Washington, Sept. 18.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, on behalf of his government, apologized to the United States for the interview given out in New York by Sir Lionel Carden, British ambassador to Brazil, criticizing President Wilson's conduct in withdrawing the troops from Mexico. The British ambassador called at the state department in person to present his government's apologies for Sir Lionel's indiscreet remarks.

Sir Cecil informed Counselor Lansing that he had made every possible effort to verify the interview accredited to Lionel Carden, but he was yet had been unable to get into wireless communication with the ambassador to Brazil.

THOUSANDS FALL IN BATTLE

Many Trains Bearing Wounded and Prisoners Show Fighting Must Be Violent.

Paris, Sept. 17.—Judging from the heavy traffic trains bearing wounded and prisoners from the north and east, the battle now progressing everywhere along the front is extremely violent. Hundreds of wounded passed around Paris during the night to Noy-le-Sec and other centers. Persons arriving on these trains say that both the opposing armies are fighting desperately. Neither has any marked advantage as yet, but thousands have fallen on both sides.

Villa Congratulates Wilson.

Washington, Sept. 19.—General Villa has congratulated President Wilson on the withdrawal of American troops from Vera Cruz.

GREAT NEED OF SYSTEMATIC WORK

TO ERADICATE PREVENTABLE DISEASE IN KENTUCKY—HELP TOWARD SALARY OF NURSE.

MORE FUNDS ARE NEEDED

Forty Cases of Tuberculosis and Twenty Cases of Trachoma Found in One County.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Lawrenceburg, Ky.—The Pierian Club, of Lawrenceburg, resolved to omit the customary banquet in honor of the incoming president, Mrs. Mary E. Dowling, and to devote the money ordinarily spent for this purpose to aiding the visiting nurse work being done in the county.

Miss Emma Hunt, a nurse representing the Tuberculosis Commission, has visited every school in Anderson county. Altogether she has found forty cases of consumption and more than twenty cases of trachoma. The revelation of these cases has shown to the people of Anderson county the great need of a systematic effort to eradicate preventable disease. The Woman's Club is prepared to contribute \$200 for the hiring of a permanent visiting nurse for the county. The fiscal court and city council and public-spirited citizens will be approached for funds sufficient to guarantee this work.

TO BE KENTUCKYESQUE

Negro "Mammies" to Have Charge of State Building at Exposition.

Louisville, Ky.—John W. Holland, chairman of the Panama-Pacific Exposition Commission of Kentucky, has received word from San Francisco that arrangements have been closed for a better site for the Kentucky building at the Panama-Pacific Exposition than that originally allotted to the commonwealth.

The site originally chosen had no bay view. The new site commands an excellent marine view of San Francisco bay. On account of the exceedingly interesting water exhibits of all kinds this will be invaluable.

Following general suggestions of Kenneth McDonald, of San Francisco, formerly a member of the firm of McDonald & Dodd, architects, of Louisville, the Kentucky building will have a colonial facade carried out in the colors of the exposition proper, undeniably one of the most attractive features of the exposition.

MANY KENTUCKY HORSES

Are Being Rapidly Acquired by the English Government.

Lexington, Ky.—Kentucky-bred horses in large numbers have in the last ten days been purchased and shipped to Canada for transportation abroad to be used by the English and Canadian troops now engaged in the European war. These horses are mainly cavalry horses, and were bought by the firm of Harbison, Jewell & Patterson.

It was learned that between 500 and 600 of these cavalry horses bought from all of the surrounding Blue-grass counties, were assembled here, where they were inspected by Canadian government officials for that purpose, and shipped out of Lexington for Montreal, where they were turned over to the government.

TWO ARE KILLED BY GAS

Men at Bottom of 300-Foot Shaft—Fire Swept Surface.

Lockport, Ky.—Two men are dead lying at the bottom of the 300-foot shaft as a result of the fire which swept the surface buildings of a mine of the Ohio Lead Co. about four miles from Lockport. The men were over come with "black damp" while working at the foot of the shaft. They are Bailey Hall, miner, of Lockport, and William Marion, miner, of Gratz, Ky.

FAMOUS EDUCATOR PASSES AWAY

Former Chancellor Blanton, of Central University, Is Dead.

Danville, Ky.—The Rev. Dr. Lindsay Hughes Blanton, who for more than twenty years was chancellor of Central university, an educational institution of the Presbyterian church, when it was located at Richmond, in this state, and for several years its vice president after its consolidation with Centre college and removal to this city, died here. Dr. Blanton, who was in his eighty-third year, was born in Cumberland county, Virginia.

MAKE A FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Whitesburg, Ky.—The Letcher fiscal court here, with Judge Samuel M. Wilson, attorney for the railroad company of Lexington, made a final and satisfactory agreement with the railroad company for damages to the county roads along the North Fork in the construction of the L. & E., whereby the railroad company pays the county \$8,500 and pays half the expense of building the road between Mayking and Kona, six miles, now under construction.